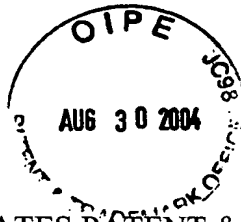


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SIR:


In response to the communication dated June 30, 2004, and further in response to the Restriction Requirement therein, Applicants herein provisionally elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-4, noted in the Requirement to be "drawn to method of inspecting a target object, classified in class 324, subclass 765."

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In view of this provisional election without traverse, an early and favorable examination of elected Group I, Claims 1-4 is respectfully requested.

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